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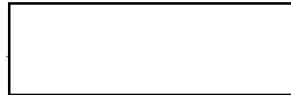
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1. At 12:30 p.m. on 9 March 1954, KVP units assembled in the woods along either side of the Eggesin-Hintersee road, about 4 km east of Eggesin. Three trucks towing 57-mm AT guns, 2 other trucks with two unlimbered 57-mm AT guns, and 3 heavy machine guns were seen near the road. At 4 p.m., KVP vehicles were lined up along the road, headed toward Eggesin. They included three 4-wheel armored scout cars, 3 M-3 armored personnel carriers, 3 trucks with a 20-mm AA gun each, 4 trucks towing 57-mm AT guns, 6 trucks towing 120-mm mortars, 4 trucks towing 57-mm AT guns, 4 trucks towing 122-mm field howitzers, 8 personnel carriers, 3 ambulances, and 4 trucks with steaming field kitchens. A few soldiers were with each vehicle. Three companies, each of 120 to 140 men fell in on a clearing in the woods just east of the forest administration, 3 km east of Eggesin. Another company in about the same strength marched along the road toward the assembly area. Most of the troops wore black-bordered black and blue epaulets. 1
2. On 15 March, the following vehicles and weapons were parked in a section of the barracks installation at Karpin: 32 prime movers each with a 122-mm howitzer, 48 trucks, 3 sedans, 1 radio truck, and 8 field kitchens. 2
3. On 2 March, new material arrived at the tank depot in installation No VIII, Eggesin. It included 7 T-34 tanks, 9 armored personnel carriers, 4 armored scout cars, 4 AT guns with unusually long barrels, and a number of personnel carriers of type Granit. 3
4. On 2 March, source learned in Eggesin that, immediately after the frost period, excavation work for eight large buildings with a total of 200 apartments for officers was to be started. The construction site was located at the exit toward Karpin. Material was hauled to the site.
5. On 10 March, a one-mast radio station was established at the Eggesin-Torgelow road through the woods, behind the former RAD (Reich Labor Service) Camp which houses the division headquarters of Colonel Weiss (fau). Radio truck which was all the time occupied by two signal soldiers, was parked nearby. Numerous new side-car motorcycles of Soviet make were seen in quartering section C of installation No VII.

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6. On 12 March, source learned from informants that the KVP stationed in the Eggesin-Karpin area prepared for spring maneuvers. Vehicles and weapons were overhauled. Leaves were allegedly stopped after 15 March 1954 when the troops were ready for departure. 4

7. On 27 March, map exercises were held in the headquarters building of the 2d Mech Regt of Division Eggesin. The following officers became known:
Major Heckel (fnu), regimental commander;
Captain Wolff (fnu), chief of staff;
Captain Paul (fnu), commanding officer of 1st Bn;
Senior Lieutenant Walter (fnu), commanding officer of 2d Bn;
Senior Lieutenant Wendorf (fnu), commanding officer of 3d Bn;
Captain Seifert (fnu), commanding officer of tank battalion;
Senior Lieutenant Meier (fnu), commanding officer of artillery battalion;
Captain Wegener (fnu), commanding officer of headquarters company. 5

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8. From 15 February to 1 April, no essential changes were observed regarding the strength of KVP in the quarters in the Eggesin area. On 1 April, the Bereitschaft Lager at the southern perimeter of Eggesin quartered an estimated 350 troops and the barracks installations in the woods about 6,000 troops. In about early March, the EM in the Bereitschaft Lager were quartered in the building west of Heide Strasse and Soviet and German officers with their dependents were said to have been quartered east of Heide Strasse. Troops in this installation wore yellow-bordered black epaulets, black-bordered blue epaulets, and blue epaulets and troops in the barracks installations in the woods wore black-bordered blue epaulets, red-bordered black epaulets, blue epaulets, and red epaulets.

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9. Artillery firing was heard from the Karpin-Hoolke area during the entire period of observation. Troops engaged in infantry and signal communication training. After 7 a.m. on 2 March, troops with full pack moved on trucks or marched out of the barracks installations in the woods. Most of them marched or moved toward Ahlbeck and at least 500 men headed toward the area north of Forest Section No 259. Numerous groups which apparently made preparations for a large-scale exercise were seen between Forest Section No 259 and Eggesin Lake between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Most of the units engaged in camouflage activity, some constructed telephone lines. Several commanders' telescopes were identified. The troops wore camouflage jackets and were equipped with carbines, submachine guns, and practice grenades. Several groups had light machine guns. Two camouflaged field kitchens were under steam. The exercise started at about 3 p.m., initiated by intensive carbine and machine gun fire. Several T-34/85 tanks attacked the positions, firing with guns and machine guns. The exercise lasted until late at night. Tracer ammunition was used at night. The exercise was resumed in the morning of 3 March and lasted until about 3 p.m. The troops subsequently returned to the barracks installations. Informant said that, at the same time, a similar exercise was conducted in the area of Forcken near Ahlbeck with units involved having allegedly come from the direction of Eggesin. After about 8 a.m. on 8 March, about 45 trucks, each with about 25 soldiers with full pack wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and red-bordered black collar patches moved from the woods toward Ahlbeck-Hintersee. The troops took along eight field kitchens. The column returned from the direction of Ahlbeck-Hintersee at about 5 p.m. on 9 March. An about 40-piece band led the troops into the installation. During the period from 15 to 20 March, troops with full pack daily left the installation in the woods by truck toward Ahlbeck. Almost every column took along a field kitchen. At about 4 p.m. on 20 March, a truck convoy with at least 10 pontoons drove from the direction of Ahlbeck to the installation in the woods. At about 10:30 p.m. on 24 March, about 15 tanks drove toward Neumuehl from the direction of Eggesin railroad station. After late March, troops no longer left for large-scale exercises. On Sunday March 28, about 200 troops in clean uniforms marched from the installation in the woods to the Eggesin railroad station and boarded the 10:20 a.m. passenger train to Pasewalk.
10. In late March, excavation work for six large buildings was started in Forest Section No 263. On 30 March, six large fuel containers on heavy-duty trailers were hauled to the woods. Five such containers were still stored on the premises of the former sawmill near Gumnitz railroad station.

- 25X1A 1. Comment. Report tends to indicate that a reinforced mechanized battalion left for an exercise.
- 25X1A 2. Comment. Section B of the installation at Karpin quarters the howitzer artillery regiment of Division Eggesin. The regiment has an authorized T/E of 36 x 122-mm howitzers.
- 25X1A 3. Comment. It cannot definitely be determined where the armored vehicles and guns came from. The seven tanks may have been delivered by the Neubrandenburg repair shop or by Soviet troops in the GDR. The armored scout cars and personnel carriers may have been distributed by the distribution point Oranienburg while the AT guns may have been delivered by the KVP ordnance depot in Hennersdorf near Dobrilugk. The side-car motorcycles were shipped from the USSR in the fall of 1953 and were distributed to the troops via the pertinent agency in Oranienburg.
- 25X1A 4. Comment. No spring maneuvers are being conducted. Source probably refers to preparations for summer training.

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- 25X1A 5. ☐ Comment. The 2d Mech Regt is quartered in section D of the installation at Karpin. The data on personnel simultaneously indicate the organization of the regiment.
- 25X1A 6. ☐ Comment. The so-called Bereitschaft Lager is occupied by the division headquarters and signal battalion. The kaserne in the woods is the installation at Karpin. The statement that the installation quartered 6,000 men is given credence. The estimate is rather conservative.
- 25X1A 7. ☐ Comment. Report contains valuable information on KVP training activity and confirms that training in the terrain was intensified.

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